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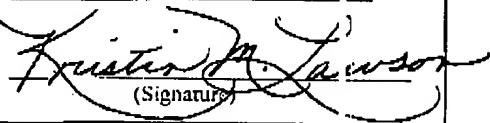
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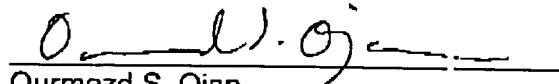
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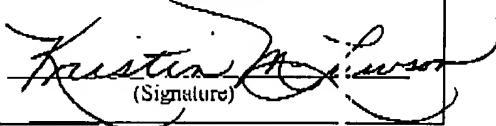
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on September 23, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 23, 2003. This response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response and therefore no fees are believed to be required at this time. In the event that additional fees are required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul deposit account number 16-0750.